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# MARVELOUS LOGIC!

### ARE THE THOUGHTS AND DOINGS OF PETER GIBSON FINCH.

## FACTS ABOUT FREAK LITERATURE.

### An Up-to-date Diary Touching upon Practical, Every-day Life—The Negro a Natural Rag-time Musician—An Artistic, Up-to-date Liar.

CHICAGO, March 25.—Publishers in their grasp after money are now turning out books with such rapidity that unless they quit, every other building will be a library or a bookstore. In former times when books were published it was done so because the books were felt to be needed; now a book is published because the publisher feels he needs the money. It is not the intrinsic value of the book that is considered nowadays, but whether or not it will bring in the money. Had Newton lived in this age and written his "Principia," he in all probability would have gone begging for a publisher.

Literature to-day is in the throes of commerce, and a writer to be successful—in fact, to even find a publisher, must make his writings a merchantable commodity. Commerce classes it with soap, sugar, oil, coal, cotton and the other commodities.

*Literature*, in bowing to the dictates of commerce, has reached that period of its existence where it changes the same as the style in wearing apparel. What was stylish and popular literature a year or so ago is quite out of style now. Commerce, too, has produced the freak in literature. Grammarians, rhetoricians and writers in general have heretofore always vigorously condemned and eschewed the use of slangs in liturature. George W. Ade is reaping a harvest financially from his "Fables in Slang," a book written in the venacular of the vulgar, a book composed from the refuse of the English language, a book which, when admitted into the decent company of the classics, stultifies our literary anteriors.

Not long since I read a long article from one of our well known book sellers, or literary critics, who maintained that the "Fables" were a good example of powerful, condensed English, Well, if the offal of any language is good for the mental appetite, as this critic labors to prove, then garbage must be good food for the physical one. If this book of Ade's is such a good example of "powerful, condensed English," why don't the schools and colleges insert slang in their curriculum, and have a professor of slang, and train the students in its use?

Probably the silliest and most freakable book of the day is one written by a girl of nineteen summers, of Butte, Mon., named Mary Maclane. It is nothing but nonsense. She says her life is "nothingness," and she awaits the coming of the devil to bring her happiness. The book is a portrayal of herself, and she tries to create a sensation by scoffing at everything most people hold dear. She makes light of religion. She is a devil worshipper. She says she would marry him if she could. She proves herself to be a liar and a thief.

There is a noticeable reaction against these books, however. They are something like the rocket—indeed they might with fitness be called sky rocket literature. Like the rocket, they dazzle while they are going up, but after a while they prove to be nothing but a literary pyrotechnic, and fall with as dull a thud as the rocket stick. But they have served their purpose: The public has been given a literary pyrotechnic display while the publishing houses have increased their financial holdings. We must remove literature from the field of commerce simply for commerce's sake, or there is no telling to what extremes publishers will go in getting up these displays.

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March 26.—In spite of trusts and the greedy rich who are trying to gather all the money in a heap and fence it in, it does seem as if the ordinary family—the average family, to be exacter—is better off than the average family of, say, twenty-five years ago. It is not necessary to name the many things that is common to it now which twenty-five years ago was a luxury. I will name one only and that is the piano.

Probably nothing has so marked the progress of the average family to a more prosperous mode of living as the piano. Any man of sound mind and a fair memory can recall the time when a piano coming into a neighborhood was a cause for considerable excitement, and was a fruitful theme of conversation for months afterwards. It meant the possession of unusual wealth by its owner. Now when a piano goes into a house in a neighborhood, instead of creating any excitement it only causes the remark "Why, they must have been quite poor folks not to have had one before." A piano now instead of representing wealth by its possession is looked upon as much a common piece of household furniture as a bed or a dresser.

The Negro has his share of this modern sign of comfortable living. No sooner is the cook stove installed in a home before the piano is in. And be it said the cook stove wields no more autocratic power in his domain than the piano does in his.

Two things the Negro must have, his meals and his music. It is a scientific fact that the Negro is the greatest and most fastidious eater and the most natural musician in the world. What the white man eats and thrives on is a starvation diet to the Negro. Let him be broke he is cheerful; let his clothes be seedy and he cares not; let his rent be in arrears and he is serene; let sickness overtake him and he bears it calmly; but just let there be the slightest difficulty in his getting his feet under the table—just place the slightest uncertainty on his meals and he is an unhappy being.

The Negro, as I have said, is a natural musician. He takes to the piano with the same facility a duck does to water. He needs no instruction. Music with him is a pent-up energy that only needs to see a piano to burst loose with overflowing. He begins by hammering away at a rag. At rag time music the Negro excels. This is his long suit. The white man with his school-of-music training may excel him in classic music, but almost any Negro you meet, though his hands are as big and awkward as they can be, without any knowledge of music, can make him take to the woods when it comes to dispensing rag time.

It is this inborn musical ability of the Negro which makes the piano an almost indispensable necessity to him. Stroll up Dearborn street or Armour avenue at any time during the months when the windows are up and it will surprise you what a common household article a piano is among the Negroes.

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March 27.—Among my acquaintances is a man who is an up-to date, artistic liar. He is such a constant liar that I believe he was born with a talent for lying. He can lie himself into an awkward position and then lie out of it again. To detect him requires a knowledge of the real facts in the case, and an unusual faculty in discerning truth. So great are his lying abilities that I have known him to get the sanction of truth to his assertions by persons, who knew he was lying remaining silent, rather than have the courage to prove him a liar to his face and in the presence of others.

I have studied my lying acquaintance assiduously. I have even noticed the shape of his mouth, and whenever the opportunity presents itself, the shape and construction of the tongue. His tongue explodes that, for it is as smooth as it can be.

Not only are his tongue and mouth normal, but his entire facial expression is so. His eyes seem to beam truth. His tongue lies, but his facial expressions and actions give it all the appurtenance of truth, and that is why his lies have such force.

I am going to put my acquaintance under a new kind of surveillance. It may be that such lying is due to germs. This is a germinal age. Over three-fourths of the miseries of mankind are traceable to the germ. Even laziness arises from a germ, then why not lying? I mean to labor hard to discover the lying germ, if such a thing there be, and in these columns I will exploit the discovery.

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March 28.—Don't compromise with dishonesty. Half honesty is a more dangerous thing than out and out dishonesty, for it is likely to be adopted by many as an expedient who would at once spurn the latter. No part of a genuinely honest man's transactions should ever come under that class called shady. Even though the worst of it may be yours, always admit the sunlight of honesty shine on whatever you do. Dishonest wealth always comes to a bad end.

PETER GIBSON FINCH.

### Doings of the Smart Set.

Jackson, Mich., Special.—Miss Lizzie Moore, of Ann Arbor, was in the city Sunday. Mrs. William Carter is visiting in the city. Communion service was held at the Second Baptist church Sunday. Mrs. Rev. Collins is ill at her home. The funeral of Eli Johnson, who died from heart disease, was held last Friday. Charles Dolman, of Pittsburg, was in the city last week. Miss Nettie Goins, of Kalamazoo, is ill in this city. The A. M. E. and Baptist churches have prepared an elaborate program for Easter. The Jackson boys will give a ball shortly after Easter. Emmet Williams, of Parma, passed through the city last week. Bruce Thornton was in Kalamezoo last week. The second anniversary of the Ladies' Home Circle was observed at the A. M. E. church on the 25th ult., with an excellent musical concert, the salient features of which were Mme. Marguerite Egbert, the noted prima donna, and Master Leroy Smith, the violin virtuoso, of Detroit. A large audience was present. The purpose of this club is to assist in liquidating the church debt. The neat sum of $72.15 was raised.

REV. E. W. LAMPTON,
Financial Secretary A. M. E. Church, Washington, D. C.

### News Personal and General.

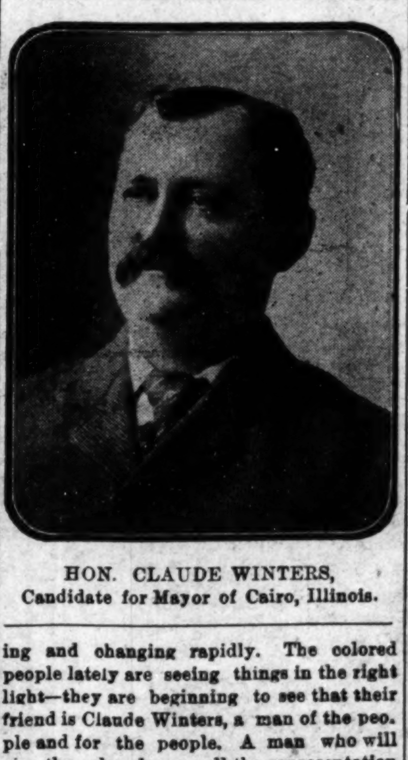
Logansport, Ind., Special.—Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Easterly entertained last Wednesday evening a few of their friends. Refreshments were served and a pleasant evening was spent. Miss Bertha Hunster has been called to her home on account of the serious illness of her mother. Mrs. Mary Gray and little daughter have returned from an extended visit to relatives in Kansas City. Many of the young people are preparing to spend Easter in Kokomo. The Ladies' Sewing Circle is progressing nicely with their work for the May fair. Homer Tutt will return to his home in Philadelphia Tuesday. Mrs. Harvey Russell still continues very ill. Mrs. A. M. Taylor is training the children for a unique play to be given during the fair. Mrs. Mary Garrett, of Indianapolis, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Charles Jones.

## SERVICES IN A DANCING HALL!

### Death of a Prominent Young Man—Interest in Municipal Election.

Cairo, Ill., Special.—St. Michael church on Fourteenth street, is meeting with great success. We believe that Rev. Brown and members should seek a more fitting place than Clancey's hall to hold services. There is a dance one night and preaching the next. Mrs. Mollie Edwards sends regards to her daughter, Lillie Williams, in Indianapolis. Miss Mary L. Hill was a recent guest of Miss Mattie Ousley, in Nineteenth street. Fred, Wise and John Freeman were in Chicago last week. Miss Nina Mercer, of Mound City, is a guest of Miss Ada Ross, in Poplar street. Allen Johnson, of Douglass street, died last Saturday from pneumonia. His remains were laid to rest in the Cairo cemetery. Don't forget the ball at Twenty-sixth street hall on the 13th. Remember the concert to be given by Rev. Knowles in the near future. Miss Azelie Dumas has recovered from her late illness. John Williams is convalescing. Miss Ida B. Snearling is ill at her home in Twenty-sixth street. Mrs. Lena Scott and daughter left last week for their home in New Madrid, Mo., after a visit to Mrs. Earl Gilbert, in Twenty-fifth street. Wm. Hunter died at the home of his parents in Seventeenth street, on the 17th ult., leaving a wife, one child and many other relatives to mourn his demise. He graduated from Sumner high school with the class of '01. The funeral services were held at the A. M. E. church, conducted by Rev. Sydes. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. The Roosevelt club gave a swell reception on the 2d. Music and dancing were the features of the evening. Mrs. Ford is building an addition to her home in Fortieth street. Mrs. Anna Brown, who has been suffering from quinzy at her home in Fortieth street, is improving. Miss Cora Dorns is ill at her home in Douglass street.

The municipal campaign in Cairo is now on in full blast. The principal interest is centered in the mayoralty contest. Of the two candidates, Claude Winters and J. J. Jennelle, there seems to be only one in the race as far as the white people are concerned. The colored people, perhaps a small majority, have been until recently favoring Mr. Jennelle, but the tide is changing and changing rapidly. The colored people lately are seeing things in the right light—they are beginning to see that their friend is Claude Winters, a man of the people and for the people. A man who will give the colored man all the representation that he by right is entitled to. He has promised that, and he has the reputation of never having gone back on his word.



HON. CLAUDE WINTERS,
Candidate for Mayor of Cairo, Illinois.

W. M. Kluge, the old reliable, is out for City Treasurer. He is the laboring man's friend, black or white, and should not be forgotten on the 21st.——George H. Yunker is a candidate for alderman from the 5th ward. He has been a resident of Cairo for fifteen years, and your vote and influence will be highly appreciated.——James Mulkha is our candidate for alderman from the 6th ward, and your vote and influence is solicited.——We desire to call attention to Peter W. Kebler, Republican candidate for city Treasurer. Your vote is respectfully solicited.——J. J. Webster is a candidate for alderman of the 7th ward, and asks the support of the voters of his ward. He is a laboring man's friend.

FUTRELL CITY NOTES.

Mrs. L. Waid is sick at her home. The C. M. E. church is making extensive arrangements for Easter. Presiding Elder Brown will be present. The marriage of Alex. Bass to Miss Gertrude Hays was a grand affair.

### Pertinent, Pithy Pickings.

Ferris, Tex., Special.—Rev. Humphrey preached a noble sermon Sunday night at the C. M. E. church. The Epworth League rendered a fine program Tuesday evening. A. L. Burkley and A. R. Daverson left Monday for Red Oak. All the churches are preparing for Easter exercises. Rev. H. E. Brown left for Lancaster Wednesday. The wedding bells will soon ring.

### Young Lady Burned to Death.

Grant, I. T., Special.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Robucks was destroyed by fire last week, caused by the explosion of a lamp. One of the daughters was burned to death while the rest of the family were attending a concert. The public school closed with a concert, which was enjoyable. Mrs. L. C. Gainer, who has trained a number of children, will present a fine Easter program. The trouble between the races at Hugo has abated. Every Negro should read The Freeman weekly.

### Nuggets New and Novel.

Mound City, Ill., Special.—Jas. Willingham has been quite ill at his home. Mrs. James Collins has returned from a visit to Joppa and Lovings. Miss Ada Butler, of Cache, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs Kirkpatrick. Mrs. Fannie Alexander has returned from St. Louis. Mrs. O T. Judge was initiated into the Daughters of Tabernacle on the 1st. Mrs. Mc Kenzie Reed is making improvements on her property. Rev. W. A. Hancock, who has been sick for several months, filled his pulpit at the First Baptist church last Sunday. Twenty-one converts will be baptized on the 25th inst., under the auspices of the Second Baptist church. Solomon Liggins met with the misfortune of having his arm shattered while at work in the Hoop factory last Monday. Special program at the A. M. E. church Easter. Henry Howard, a farmer living near Beechwood, died from general debility on the 3d. He leaves a wife and several children, two of whom are Mrs. Eva Edwards and Mrs. Ella Benson, of this city. The death of Mrs. Lucinda Williams, of America, occurred on the 1st. Several members of her family are residents of this city. Mrs. Hattie Perryman, formerly Hattie Jemerson, wishes to learn the whereabouts of her two sisters in-law, Mrs Jennie Murray and Miss Mattie Jemerson. When last heard of they were both in Memphis, Tenn. Miss Mattie Jemerson had charge of one of the schools there. Mattie Jemerson then lived in Huntingdon, Tenn.

### Institute Notes.

Tuskegee, Ala., Special.—Miss Susan B. Anthony, the great woman suffragist, accompanied by her sister and quite a number of other distinguished women, visited the school Sunday, March 29. Speeches were made to the students in the chapel by Miss Anthony and others and were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Miss Anthony met the girls separately. Everybody is preparing for commencement which is only a short distance off. Quite a number of students in the higher classes are preparing to compete for the different prizes awarded and it promises to be a great oratorical contest. Bishop G. W. Clinton of the A. M. E. Z. church is spending a while with us. He is here primarily to lecture to the students of the Phelps Hall Bible school, but will speak to all the students from time to time.

Field-marshal Viscount Wolseley, K. P., continues in the March COSMOPOLITAN his penetrating study of the "Young Napoleon." The English general is outspoken in his admiration of the illustrious Frenchman. The story of the campaign of 1796, he writes, will be forever followed in all its minutia by those who wish to learn the science of war. It will be remembered as Napoleon's first independent undertakeing as Commander-in-chief, and for having made known to history the greatest human being whom God has ever allowed to govern here below.

# SPECIAL PROGRAMS!

### TO BE RENDERED AT THE MANY CHURCHES EASTER SUNDAY.

## K. OF P. DRILL TEAM ORGANIZED!

### Church Rally Netted Large Sum for Building Committee—Base Ball Season to Open To-morrow—Cupid Cuts a Wide Swarth—Social Notes.

Dallas, Tex., Special.—Easter services will be held all the city churches, and many special program will be rendered. The three night's carnival closed at the C. M. E. church Wednesday night with a literary program and musical, netting about $80. The rally at New Hope church raised about $825 for the building committee. Cupid has done a land office business here the past few days. Dr. C. V. Roman addressed a large assembly of farmers at Paris on Tuesday night. The Star Social and Pleasure club met on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Mary Sterling, in Hawkins street. At the conclusion of routine business an excellent luncheon was served. It was an enjoyable affair. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Love gave a party on the 3d inst., in honor of a few friends, at their home in Magnolia street. The Jordan Minstrels gave three performances here this week. Henry Jones is in Hot Springs. Mrs. E. S. Kimbrough has returned home, after a visit of two months in Colorado Springs. The remains of Mrs. Frances H. Killgore were buried Thursday from the C. M. E. church. Little Geiles Turner will celebrate her 4th birthday anniversary at her home, 125 Peak street, by giving her little friends a Rabbit party Easter afternoon. M. E. Derritt is all smiles—it's a 10 pound boy. Several persons are on the sick list. J. A. Grant was in Terrell this week. J. A. Mays and Lieut. Ellis Willis spent last Sunday in the Fort. John Griffin drew $1,250 last week from the purchase of a 50c lotery ticket. Babe Campbell is here from the Territory. Rev. A. B. Canton, pastor of Galilee Baptist church, is being assisted in his revival by Rev. Herbin, of Oak Cliff, which is quite successful. Rev. J. M. Tolbert has returned home from Weatherford, where he has been assisting Dr. Berry Smith in his meeting. Mrs. Eliza Jackson has returned from Corsicana, after a visit to her husband. The base ball season will open here to-morrow at the Belt Line Park, Dallas vs. Corsicana. The Oriental drill team was organized here from members of the various K. of P. lodges, by Grand Chancellor G. M. Mitchell, while here on his annual visit. This team needs a few more men to make out a full company. Stop at Johnson's restaurant for cold drinks, meals, lunches, ices and fountain sodas. Quick service and polite waiters. Everything first class. Central avenue between Elm and Main streets. Lottie Haden is at home again, after visiting in Hot Spring and Memphis. Robert Ashford is stopping at the home of Mrs. Sam Nelson, in Young street. Rev. W. G. Balay was here last week in conference with railroad officials and other notables in pursuance to the opening of a Negro town May 1st to be known as Balay, Ark. Mt. Zion Baptist church will soon occupy their new edifice on Cadiz and Lamar streets. Rev. Russell and congregation will join the members of Mt. Zion in celebrating their 24th anniversary, on Easter Sunday. E. B. and J. G. Griffin celebrated their birthday anniversary at the home of their mother, 670 Cochran street. A stag luncheon was served. H. P. Poster, the base ball magnate, has sold his interest in the little Acme bar and has purchased new fixtures and fitted up an elegant place at 526 Main street, where the leading brands of imported cigars, tobaccos and all kinds o cold drinks can be found. The "Whit Elephant" bar has been opened to the public with a full line of liquors, brandies, imported case goods and the best brands of cigars. This place is headquarters for a good time. Kennard & Green proprietors, 377 Commerce street.

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Anyone knowing the whereabouts of S. H. Ingram will confer a favor by addressing his daughter at 142 Done street, Dallas, Tex. When last heard from he was in St. Louis.

WANTED—To know the whereabouts of Tom Smith and Mrs. Mary Norris. When last heard of were in Newberry, S. C. It is of importance to Mrs. Della Nelson, wife of Samuel J. Nelson, 459 Young street, Dallas, Texas.

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## ADVICE TO SIDEWAITERS.

### Good Sound Judgment from One on the Firing Line.

The time has come when we, as waiters, should work not to hold our positions only, but improve our service, and unless we do so we will continue to lose ground, and when such come about can we blame the headwaiters? Absolutely there are too many of us who think we do too much, or the headwaiter is a little too strict, or the rules do not suit us. Well, if that is the case, why not quit like a man instead of assailing the officers? Suppose we were required to show a recommendation from the headwaiter where last employed, do you think that would promote more interest in our profession? Then suppose there was a board of examiners, and it was necessary to show a certificate before our applications were considered, is it not a fact that quite a number of us would fail to qualify? We are solely to blame. I have been employed in various hotels for the past twenty-three years, and I find the best thing for a waiter to do is to do as you are told and under no circumstances dictate to your superior officer. Always try to master your profession; be polite, attentive to your duties, obey your superior officer, and positively stop talking in the dining room.

WILLIAM PARKER,
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## MANY WILL GO HUNGRY.

### Denver Restaurants Closed by Strike of Cooks and Waiters.

Seventy-four restaurants in Denver, Col., closed March 31 in consequence of the cooks' and waiters' strike and thousands of people were greatly inconvenienced. The grocers, butchers and bakers' clerks threaten to strike in sympathy with the cooks and waiters and let the entire city go hungry. Many restaurant keepers declare they will never again unionize their places and are endeavoring to secure non-union workers. The strike was ordered because non-union cooks and waiters had been employed in two restaurants that were members of the Restaurant Keepers' Association. The Restaurant Keepers' Association presented its ultimatum to the Cooks' and Waiters' Union this afternoon. The terms offered are that strikers will be taken back at the old wage scale if they report for work not later than to-morrow morning. The union now demands an increase of $1 a week in wages of both cooks and waiters and a reduction of one hour a day in the waiters' working time. The organization of a central labor body, to be known as the Denver Pure Food Trades Council, is proposed, to include the unions of the cooks, waiters, butchers, bakers, grocery clerks, packing house employes, etc.

## An Appeal to Colored Baptists.

Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D., corresponding secretary of the Foreign Mission board of the National Baptist convention, Louisville, Ky., has made an appeal to the colored Baptists of the United States to be liberal in their contributions Sunday, for the Missionary department of the National convention of the Baptist churches. He tells of the needs of those who have left their friends and relatives in this country and took up work in Africa and South America, striving to point out to the heathens the way of salvation and to christianize and civilize them.

It is the duty of those who have voted to send missionaries to foreign fields to remember them. We can decorate ourselves in new outfits Sunday from head to foot and walk the streets of the cities, towns and villages, but we should truly remember that while we are being admired for the neat fit of our new garments, there are men and women in Africa who are laboring for us among a heathen people, shoeless, hungry and have been unable to purchase a new garment since they have been at work We commend the work of Secretary Jordan, and ask our readers to respond in a liberal manner to the appeal.

## Society and Personal Notes.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Special.—Miss Mancie Harrington, formerly of Cincinnati, O, will return to the latter city on a visit, accompanied by Mrs C. Griffin, of this city. The Calvary Baptist church will give a drama about the 14th inst. Mrs. G. D. Whipple will entertain a few friends Thursday afternoon. Fred Anderson will return to the city on the 12th inst.

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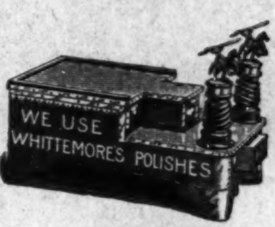

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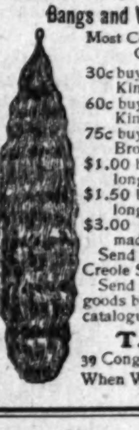

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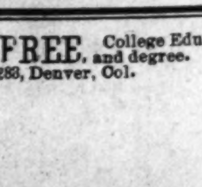

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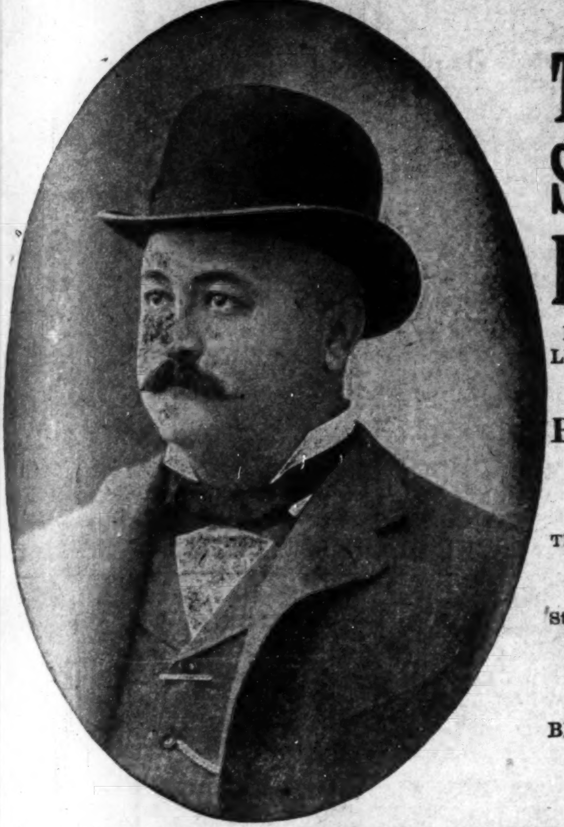

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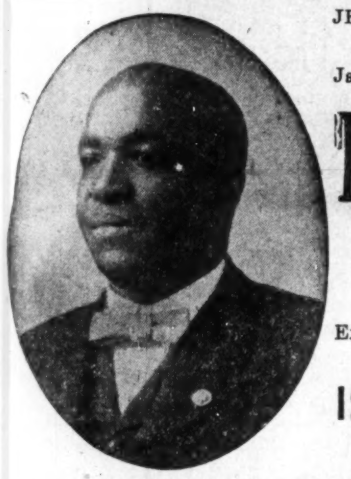

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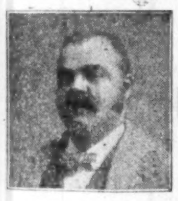

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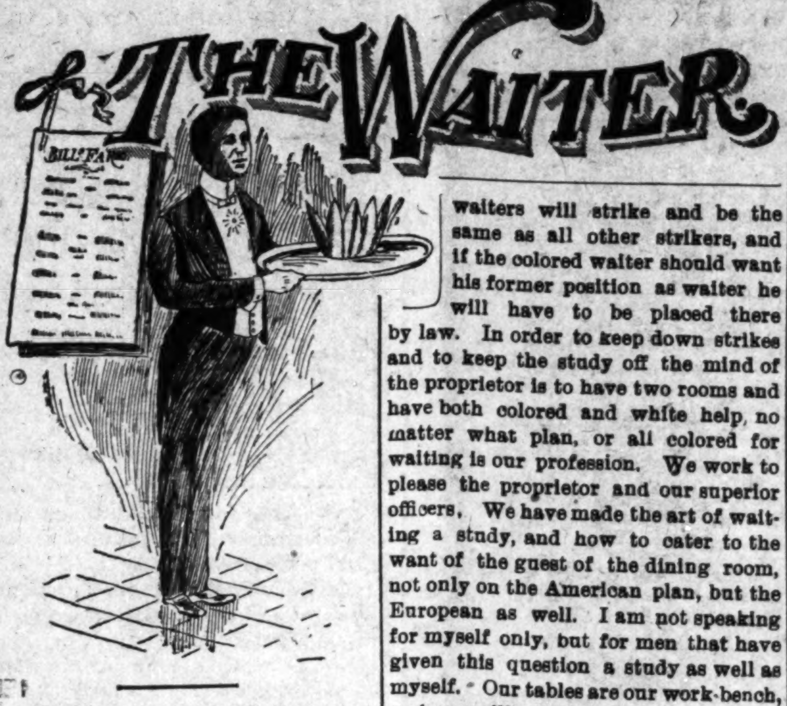

# The Waiter

A Plea for Colored Waiters.

In regard to the changing of colored waiters it is all right in private families, but where English people come in contact with each other it requires English service, and every colored man born under the American flag can speak the English language; not that I am finding fault with white waiters, but believe in holding to them that have made a thorough study of his own trade. We are trying to be roped into unions, but we don't think we can get justice in them. If a man is raised up in a profession he should have a chance to labor at that profession. The colored man has spent more time in this profession than in any other, and, in fact, has made a thorough study of all the minute details of professional waiting. The colored waiter will protect the proprietor and his profession even if every employe outside the colored waiters be white. If they continue to change they will find, in the future, that the white waiters will strike and be the same as all other strikers, and if the colored waiter should want his former position as waiter he will have to be placed there by law. In order to keep down strikes and to keep the study off the mind of the proprietor is to have two rooms and have both colored and white help, no matter what plan, or all colored for waiting is our profession. We work to please the proprietor and our superior officers. We have made the art of waiting a study, and how to cater to the want of the guest of the dining room, not only on the American plan, but the European as well. I am not speaking for myself only, but for men that have given this question a study as well as myself. Our tables are our work-bench, and we will stand by them as long as we have the chance to do so. We are not contending for any favors along this line or in any avenue of human existence. All we want is a man's chance, and if we fall short of the mark fill our places with men who are more proficient. Don't turn us out because our skin is of a darker hue. We are men; yea, more than that, we are human, and are determined by thought and skill to keep our heads above water as long as we have a chance. I am a young man, thirty-one years of age, and been in the hotel business for fifteen years, and I do not see why a change should be made to remove the colored waiter for I have always found him faithful to his duty.

G. L. LANG.
Headwaiter Colonial Hotel,
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Head and Second Waiters' National Benefit Association.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
111 W. 22th Street,
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Dear Brother—If the association to which we are pledged is to increase in membership and to be of the benefit for which it was started we must do more in the current year than we have done in the past. Every person and everything to be anything must progress. It is my desire that our association shall grow in every way and be a power for good among us. To accomplish this end I have resolved to use my best efforts, and I do not intend to let the interest which members may have in the association lie dormant for twelve months in the year, only to be revived at annual conventions. It is my opinion that in the interim between conventions we ought to be doing some work, not only in increasing the membership, but in formulating plans for our mutual interest in a material way. We are scattered over such a wide area that we are prevented from consulting frequently with each other, and this disadvantage is used by some of the brethren to shift the burden on others. This must not continue any longer for no one man can carry this association. Each and every one of us has a duty to perform for our success means not the elevation of any individual, but the elevation of every member, and further still, the elevation of a large number of persons whose occupations are identified with our interests.

I have, therefore, decided to address a quarterly letter to each of the members on matters appertaining to the association. This is my first installment.

I solicit not only your advice, but I wish you to give me that encouragement in the effort I am making as will convince me that you have the interest of the association at heart, and will hold up my hands in the struggle I am making to uplift our race.

You know the shore is strewn with the wrecks of too many colored enterprises which started well; which were much needed; which ought to have succeeded, but failed from sheer inertia on the part of members who were unable or unwilling to enter into the true spirit of the movement. Let this not be the case with us.

I hope you will write and let me know your views on what plans ought to be inaugurated to build up our association. I expect every member will see to it that all of their friends join us. Wishing you all prosperity and happiness, believe me fraternally yours.

F. P. THOMPSON, President.

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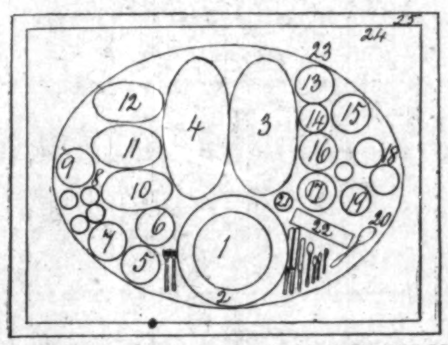

DIAGRAM OF PRIVATE TRAY—DINNER ORDER

1, Soup; 2, dinner plate; 3, roast beef; 4, asparagus; 5, fish; 6, peach fritters; 7, cucumbers; 8, salt, pepper, oil, vinegar; 9, bread, crackers; 10, peas; 11, tomatoes; 12, potatoes; 13, ice cream; 14, cake; 15, fruit; 16, coffee pot; 17, cup and saucer; 18, hard sugar, soft sugar, cream; 19, glass of water; 20, soup ladle; 21, butter; 22, napkin; 23, tray; 24, tray cloth; 25, tray cover.

## Head and Second Waiters' National Prize Contest.

SUMMARY.

| Name. | Location. | Subscribers. |
|---|---|---|
| N. H. Smiley | West Superior, Wis. | 9 |
| John P. Gloster | Wilkesbarre, Pa. | 6 |
| George R. Wilson | DesMoines, Iowa | 6 |
| W. Alonzo Locke | Cairo, Ill. | 4 |
| Noah Chase | Scranton, Pa. | 3 |
| C. B. Coles | New Haven, Conn | 2 |
| Robert Granger | Zanesville, Ohio | 1 |
| C. Lamar | Brooklyn, N. Y | 1 |
| F. P. Thompson | New York City, N. Y | 1 |

Robert Granger is meeting with great success as headwaiter at the Rogge Hotel, Zanesville, Ohio. He has only been at this hotel for eighteen months, but his success is phenomenal. The new dining room of the Rogge has just been completed, and is well fitted in all appointments. Mr. Granger has entered the head and second waiters' national contest.

John H. Brooks is now headwaiter at the Hotel Somerset, New York City, having succeeded a white crew several weeks ago. This is the second house in two years, wherein Mr. Brooks has succeeded white crews, the other one being the Schuyler. Mr. Brooks spent sixteen seasons at Hotel Saratoga under J. T. Lee, working his way from ordinary to second waiter. We hope to have more to say of Mr. Brook's success in the near future.

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Senator Tillman says that he would die for his colored man Jo. He is not certain as to the ownership; Jo may own him or he may own Jo.

So it is not a man's public utterances at all times that bespeak his sentiments. The senator may love Jo as his horse, but at that it is a care, an interest that is not manifested in all. To be above want and responsibility for existence in the more exacting sense would be a boon to many who do not find the world one holiday. The poor old darky, the relict of other days, has this class of philanthropists to thank, although their philanthropy may be in a narrower, more restricted form than we are accustomed to think of it. But if viewed properly and closely there will not be found very wide divergence from the other.

The late Thomas A Hendricks was another such a man. On the stump, the rostrum he was relentless as it concerned the Negroes, but in the privacy of his home he acted as if afraid of offending the least one of them. He had no harsh word for them in his vocabulary; as a child, heeding them, rather than otherwise. His amiable wife, who yet lives, was of the same disposition; seemingly made it a study to be as little trouble as possible to those who attended their wants as noted in their hotel life in this city.

Such men as Tillman and Hendricks sometimes need the other half of their lives viewed in order to strike a just average. They were both deeply imbued with their notion of the Negroes' place in the body politics of the country, but for the Negro per se they evinced much love as Mr. Tillman shows for his Jo.

It would be useless to attempt to justify Mr. Tillman's very violent public utterances concerning the Negroes; further than Mr. Hendricks ever went, who was suave, polished, graceful, diplomatic, yet for his love manifested in his own way, Mr. Tillman should have credit. The South is filled with Tillmans who will not give a rap for a Negro when it comes to "starring," but who will die for their "man" if imposed upon. The majority of Negroes are dependent, hence the condition is not without its redeeming qualities. While struggling for greater consideration the good done ought not be overlooked.

The Boston Enterprise is a new newspaper venture of that city. The chances are that the Guardian, which has been strenuously anti-Washington, will find something doing right at home. The Enterprise runs Mr. Washington's cut on title page with sketch of work, etc., which may be taken as an indication of that paper's policy as it may concern Mr, Washington and his effort.

The Guardian, while ably edited, has at times went out of its way to attack Mr. Washington. Credit is certainly due him for his theory of race promotion The others who have other notions should put them in practice and not waste their amunition on him. Mr. Washington does not strike back, and in that shows his superiority and a far better indication of the kind of education men should have. He enters no controversy and thus shows his fitness to stay where he is, at the head of the greatest uplifting agency known to the race. The assertion is not an empty platitude; he is doing; others are doing, but as a single agency he is doing the most.

To morrow, Sunday, April 12th, is the day set apart by the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention for raising $7,000 for foreign missions. The board is making a grand effort to carry the gospel to the benighted people of other lands. It needs encouragement. A contribution, great or small, will be appreciated. Missions cannot exist without support. Rev. L G. Jordan, D. D, Louisville, Ky., the corresponding secretary, will cheerfully acknowledge all donations sent him.

General Lew Wallace evidently believes in defending his honor on any part of the ground.

Mr. Ralph W. Tyler of the Wilgera Oil Company of Columbus, Ohio, needs special mention for his skill in engineering that great corporation to the success attained. Mr. Tyler, it is said, is doing his work as a matter of love, accepting no remuneration whatever. His genius as a financier is felt in welding together the greatest concern ever put forward by colored men.

Indiana again showed her appreciation for her dead soldiers by erecting a beautiful monument on Shiloh's field, which was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies last Monday. Among the notable personages who took part were General Lew Wallace, Colonel J. S. Wright, Governor Durbin, Senator Beveridge and the poet, James Whitcomb Riley.

The Loyal Legion of Labor Educator, a national organ of the Loyal Legion of Labor, has just made its appearance at Akron, O. Its purposes are as indicated by its name, to subserve the interests of that order. It is a bright looking sheet of sixteen pages with good illustrations by way of likenesses, groups and officers of the order. It will be published monthly.

Mrs. Ada Walker Overton is enjoying herself in high class society in the east. She has something that the white people want; she can teach them to cake walk. She is getting invitations right and left. Such people as the Belmonts, DeForests, Pagets, Dyers, Rhinelanders and Neilson have been paying Mrs. Walder considerable attention.

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The Christian Recorder, published at Philadelphia, is bearing down on the bad element of that city. It insists that the pulpit and all redeeming agencies be pressed into service or else that element will drag all down. It heads the article, "The Jim Crow Negro in Philadelphia."

Beautifully designed invitations have been issued and sent out by the board of management of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis, Mo.. in view of the dedication which takes place April 30th and May 1st and 2d.

After the convention then comes the election.

Roscoe Conkling Bruce has been mentioned for the Presidency of Howard University, Washington, D. C. Mr. Bruce is a capable young man, a graduate of Harvard and now at the head of the normal department of Tuskegee.

Grand Chancellor Mitchell of the Knights of Pythias of Texas has issued a proclamation to the 7,000 knights of that State to the effect that they observe the annual Thanksgiving sermon on the 26th day of April.

Thanks are due the Missouri Legislature for holding up the "Jim Crow" proposition that was pending before that body. It was another Missouri compromise.

Senator Tillman's tour North was attended with just a little friction. In Madison, Wis., a few hisses were tendered him as well as cheers.

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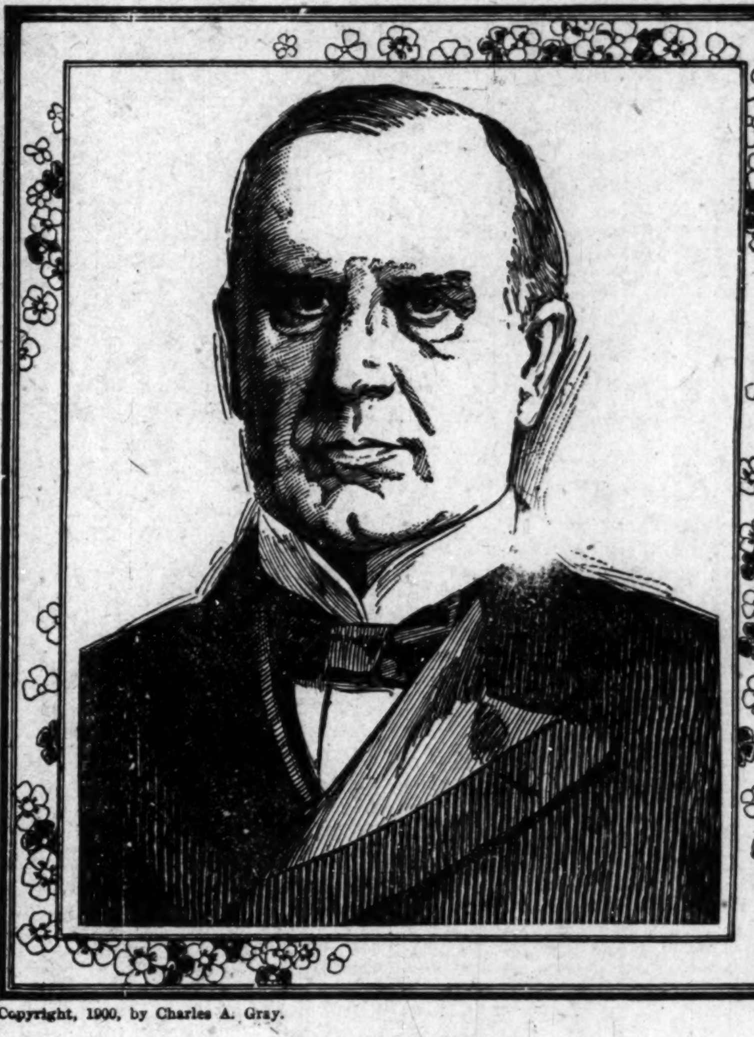

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### Treadwell as Authority.

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Seven years later the Green Consolidated Copper mine appeared in the market with $5.00 the price of its shares of the stock, $1,000 invested when the shares were $5 each, has grown into a snug little fortune of $5,460.

### The Ely Mines.

When it was announced that M. C Prof. Treadwell, who, in the meantime, had examined many other mines, again advised his friends to invest, with the statement that this was unquestionably one of the largest copper properties in the world. At the present selling price

Barber, of Canton, O., and his brother-in-law, the late President William McKinley, were negotiating for the organization of a company to work the eighteen mining mines at Ely, Nevada, which had descended to Mrs. McKinley and her sister, Mrs. Barber, from their father, James A. Saxton, the expert who was asked to examine the property was Prof. George A. Treadwell.

Prof. Treadwell made a complete examination, especially of two of the mines—the Saxton and the Aultman. He found an abundance of red iron oxides overlying gold ore, and after a thorough examination of all surface indications and of the development work at the stage then reached, reported that there would be found at the permanent water level one of the richest deposits of copper sulphides that had ever been discovered.

This quite changed the aspect of the undertaking, as the two mines had been looked upon only as gold mines, the fact having been established that the deposites of gold ore were present in very lucrative quantities.

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### Company Organized.

President McKinley turned the property over to the company then organized. His brother-in-law, Mr. Barber, was elected president, directors were chosen and committees organized. It was determined to open the stock to public subscription. Prof. Treadwell was made chairman of the executive committee and of the mining committee, and W N. McGill, an experienced mining man, was made manager of the mine.

In the development of the Saxton mine the rich deposit of orewas found to continue in one direction through seven additional mining claims, and these have since been acquired by the company, the properties now consisting of twenty-five very valuable mines.

It may be judged that backed by such circumstances and governed by such influences, the stock of the McKinley Mining & Smelting Company has met with a very flattering reception by the public.

Professor Treadwell said that the McKinley mine had a great future, and would come to the front as one of the greatest copper and gold producers in the world. He said:

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"The property of the McKinley Mining and Smelting Company I rank as one of the best of these. The stock is cheap, at the present development, at $10 a share.

This is the same great mining engineer who advised investment in the United Verde when $1,000 would purchase stock worth $300,000, and who likewise advised investment in the Green Consolidated stock at $5 a share, three years ago, now worth $27 a share on the market.

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HELM & YOUNG'S BLACK BOSTONIANS — Fairmount, Neb., April 13; Sawyer, 14; Milligan, 15; Tobias, 16; Helve, 17; Fairbury 18,

Frank Jackson sends regards to Campbell Bros. and Frank Castray, of Rusco & Holland No. 1.

G. W. Houseley, of the Georgia Minstrels, wants to hear from musicians. Piccolo and clarinett players be sure and write.

Jolly Joe Pleasants of the Mahara Minstrels, is at home at Macon, Mo., visiting friends, and attending the bed side of his mother who is ill.

Little Rose and Powell Johnson, of Stetson's Uncle Toms Cabin Co., have been with them for three seasons, making a big hit all through the coast. They will go to their home in Boston for the summer, they are both all round workers. Best regards to their friend, Clarence Powell and the Turners.

Frank Kirk the well known tramp musical acrobat, will be seen in a new musical specialty the coming season. Robert H. Gant, of Cincinnati, will look after the interest of Wm. H. Reid, who is organizing the Big Concert Co., which opens its season at Springfield, Ohio, April 18. He sends regards to P. G. Lowery and Jas Wolfscales.

Eli R. Rice, of Gideon's Minstrels, closes the show on the 18th of April, and will depart for his home, Lawrence, Kansas, to rest up for the summer and will join his partner, Ed. L. Anderson, next season. He sends regards to Mamie Turner and Frank King. Would like to hear from Young & Brown.

The Jacksons, the well known musical comedy singing and dancing team, gave an entertainment last Thursday night in Pawntucket, R. I., to about 600 boys and friends, at the Boy's Club in that city. All united in saying that Ellis Jackson, Jr., the boy wonder, is the cleverest child living. He held the crowd spell bound for 40 minutes. They send regards to J. Harry Jackson, Madame Flower and Mae C. Hyer.

A. A. Copeland, assistant stage manager of Gideon's Big Minstrel Carnival, was in Chicago last week to see some of his friends and also to arrange his booking for the summer season. He will put out his latest hit next season entitled, "If you can't come Home, just send your Money," by Copeland & Hardin. He sends regards to Miss Ida Forcen of the Patti show, also Cook & Jones, and would like to hear from Charlie Arnold at once.

Among the late musical publications by M. Witmark & Sons, of New York, are: "I'm a Jonah Man." Bert Williams's great success in "In Dahomey," "While the Moon Shines Bright," by Howard, Emerson and Stonehill, a popular waltz song, "Love's Voyage," a beautiful new intermezzo by Gaylord Barrett; "My own United States," the new national song from "When Johnny comes Marching Home." "I'm your Sweetheart Forever," the charming love song by Van Rensselaer Wheeler in a Chinese Honeymoon, and "My Little Hong-Kong Baby" sung by Adele Richie in "A Chinese Honeymoon."

Notes from the Gideon's Minstrels:—We are now in the State of Michigan, still showing to great business. All the boys are well and enjoying the fresh breezes from the great lakes. Skinner Harris, our principal comedian and stage manager, has been on the sick list for the past two weeks, but is able to discharge his duty now. Herbert LaShe our slack wire artist is rehearsing a new act for next season. He sends regards to the Houseley Bros. and Willie Shields. J. R. Johnson sends regards to the members of Mahara's No. 1 Co. All the boys are planning to come out new on Easter Sunday. Charlie Hall who has lately taken up the clarinet, will soon be able to play in the band. All send regards to Richard & Pringle's No. 2.

J. Harry Jackson sends the following from New York city: Cooper and Bailey, a clever singing and dancing team, are among the headliners at the Circle Music Hall this week....Rastus and Banks have returned to the city after a successful engagement in Boston....Irving Jones was a big card at the New Star Theater Sunday night. ....Williams and Walker and company have finished their phenomenal run at the New York Theater. They left Sunday afternoon for Philadelphia, where they are booked for an engagement of two weeks, after which they will return to New York, where they will appear at a Harlem theater.... Murphy and Slater were on the vaudeville bill at the Third Avenue Theater Sunday night....Jones and Sutton are at Keith's Union Square Theater this week...The Wangdoode Comedy Four are in Brooklyn this week....The Washingtons—and Minnie—are with Briggs and Mills' "Way Down South" Company, now touring the New England States....Jones, Grant and Jones have once more united, and are headliners at Tony Pastor's this week.... Mattie Allen and her "picks" were one of the big hits at the New York Theater Sunday night of last week.

Notes from the Famous Georgia Minstrel Co.—We are in the State of Nebraska, doing a wonderful biz., and our show seems to be just the order for Nebraska, as the managers wire all the way from five to six stands ahead, or as far ahead as they have influence telling the other managers to hustle, that they have one of the best shows of the kind that has ever visited the city, hence we always expect good houses with such assistance as that and a good show also. Mr. Harry Fiddler has been away for two weeks at his home in Indianapolis, Ind. He reports an enjoyable trip, and joined the show at Freemont, Neb., looking fine. There is a slight rumor that Frank Clermont, cornetist, is going to leave this season, which the company regrets very much, and really hopes the report will prove frivolous. Our sick list is quite large this spring, M. D. Houseley has been on that list for better than two weeks, but nearly alright now. John E. Jackson has been on sick list for better than a month and is slowly improving. Chas. Watts has been on the list for sometime, but is fast improving. G. W. Houseley has been complaining considerable, but still keeps moving. We are anticipating a summen season again under tent. We will have the same show and people under a new name (Culligan & Morgan's Alabama Minstrels), aiming to play quite a few of the prominent cities of the East, during summer. We all send regards to all professional people in and out of the business. To George A. Swan, "howdy." R. L. Wilson come this way if you want to see your friends L. Cooper, Chas. Parker and John Jackson sends regards to all St. Louis friends, expecting to see them within a few days, near the first of May.

Napoleon Johnson writes from the Big Minstrel Festival.—Now that we are back among the old folks once again the audiences do not, as the funny man used to say, resemble the keys of a piano. We are in Ohio for a few stands, then we go into the State of West Virginia.. Business has been up to the standard, and still they vote the Georgia's the best that ever happened. In Louisville, Jube Brown, on account of sickness was unable to make the parade, but at this writing, he is all right, and in fact all the boys are, excepting a few have colds. The Georgia Minstrel Cycling Club held their first race meet in Jackson, Ohio, Sunday, April 5. The officers of the club are as follows; J. L. McDaniels, President; Clarence Powell, Vice-President; Wm. Garland, Secretary; Jube Brown, Assistant; S. H. Dudley, Treasurer; Jno. Pittman, Robt. Leach and Frank Castry, Judges and Henry Bartlett, Timekeeper. The races were run in heats, best two out of three. The preliminaries were run as follows: 1st, S. H. Dudley and C. Powell; won by Dudley, time, 10 sec. 2d, H. Kraton and F. Hansett; won by Hansett, time 11 3-5 sec. 3d. Manzie Campbell and Allie Brown, won by M. Campbell, time, 12 sec. The main race was between Wm. Cooper and Sidney Kirkpatrick, with Cooper as favorite at 5 to 3. The race was won by Kirkpatrick, time 8 sec. Richard E. Hayes and Fred Simpson, starters. As this was the beginning of a series of races, no records were broken, but in the future longer distances and better time is expected, and all are looking for the great handicap race with Lester J. McDaniels on scratch. Sidney Kirkpatrick baritone soloist, formerly of the Nightingale Quartette, joined us in Louisville, and is wining his nightly, singing "You are my all in all." Allie Brown slack wire artist is still a feature in the olio, and from the amount of applause he receives it goes to show that whenever you deliver the goods the public will give it to you. Also the Campbell Bros, are working hard as usual, and always get theirs. Dude Kelly left this morning for his old home in Columbus, Ohio, to spend the day with his sister. He received word last week that his mother has been dead a year. We all sympathize with Kelley for when one loses his mother, he loses the dearest and truest friend. As my flow of words will not allow me to express my feeling, allow me to use the words of the poet who said:

"Take good care of mother,
Nurse her every hour,
Treat her just as tender as you would
a little flower.
Kiss her and caress every night and
morn,
For you'll never miss your mother
boys till she gone."

## MR. RUSSELL'S OPINION.

Mr. Elwood C. Knox:

Dear Sir.—I have been asked by people in Boston to express my opinion on the New York Theatre color line affair, made public by Chas. Moore.

I think that all colored show people should have sense enough to keep their lips sealed to newspaper reporters on the race question. I regret that Mr. Moore was not on his guard. His Freeman explanation is also to be regretted. He make quite a mistake in going out of his way to assail the rough element of his own race, who were not in question in the controversy at all.

The management of the New York theatre should have expected that some of the well-to-do colored families, of the greatest city in America, would expect to be accommodated on the lower floor, to see Williams & Walker.

Some of these managers who are drawing the color line are Hebrews. No manager with Hebrew blood in his vains should draw the color line and expect the Americans to cease discriminating against Jews in the exclusive hotel summer resorts, when they are drawing a race line themselves.

The New York managers who discriminate on account of color are greatly to be condemned. The public cares nothing about where a respectable colored person sits, in the northern theatres, in this enlightened age. The thoroughbred white people would be delighted to sit next to the families of Bishop Derricks, who rode with a foreign prince, or Booker T. Washington, who dined with the President, and converse with them.

SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

## A LITTLE COMMON SENSE.

I put this little notice in for the benefit of my friendns in the profession. I would like to have it (first of all) understood that I was the first colored man to do a hoop-act before the American-public. I rehearsed the same three years before I ventured out. I had always doubted myself as to my ability in the juggling art to please an audience, but as time passed on I saw other great actors, and after I saw them, I compared myself with them, and in this way I gained confidence in myself, and went before the people with a hoop act on the stage, not on paper. Last summer while playing at the Chicago Opera House, I had the pleasure of meeting the two greatest hoop-rolling actors before the public, Ollie Young, Allie Hale and Miss Frances. Mr. Young said this was one of the best single acts he had ever witnessed. Mr. Hale was surprised at so much originality. I did not steal this act from any one. I heard of a hoop act, then I set to work at it and put my own ideas to every trick I do and that accounts for my doing so different an act from the rest. If you see anybody do t trick like I do, they just simply stole it form me, and their photo would stick out like a 24 sheet in a Rogue's gallery. I waited three years before I ever thought of letting the public know I was doing a hoop act. All other colored artists looked at it but thought it impossible to do until I (the youngest in the biz, with only three years of experience in show business) broke the ice. Now the public is being deceived everywhere you see a colored show, nearly, with the word hoop-roller, you really see more on paper than on stage. For a living example look at this. I was with a colored farce comedy last season entitled the "Queen of Hayti." I was engaged as the star feature of the show. We showed at Seattle and had the pleasure of meeting the No. 2 Georgia Minstrels. Well, as usual, the boys came down to see our show at the Seattle Theatre and with this gang of gentlemen came a Mr. "Shields." This little gentleman was not satisfied with stealing an imitation of Mr. La She's wire act, but he saw the show, saw the hoop-act and behold it had such taking effect on him that he imagined he was a hoop-roller, and at the end of the week I saw a "Freeman," and in the notes it said "Mr. Shields is now doing hoop-rolling." Don't get discouraged when you drop in a town where I have been, because there are white artists that are falling in the same "trap" down south here, that you have run into out there. Men of sense originate, monkeys imitate. Don't show your monkey instinct so much. I am now completing arrangements for an extended European tour. To follow in these foot-steps you will have to put a wiser head on your shoulders and for the people's sake cut "Master" off your name for that is a poor way for a great big awkward man to get the audience's sympathy.

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CLASS "B" TABLE

| AGES. | Joining Fee. | Value of Certificate after 1 yr | Value of Certificate after 1 yr | Annual Dues | Q'rterly Dues |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14 to 25 | $ 2 50 | $ 200 00 | $ 100 00 | $ 4 75 | $ 1 20 |
| 25 to 30 | 2 75 | 200 00 | 100 00 | 4 75 | 1 20 |
| 30 to 35 | 3 00 | 200 00 | 100 00 | 4 75 | 1 20 |
| 35 to 40 | 3 25 | 200 00 | 100 00 | 5 70 | 1 43 |
| 40 to 45 | 3 50 | 140 00 | 70 00 | 5 79 | 1 43 |
| 45 to 50 | 3 75 | 115 00 | 58 00 | 6 65 | 1 66 |
| 50 to 55 | 4 00 | 90 00 | 45 00 | 6 65 | 1 66 |
| 55 to 60 | 4 25 | 65 00 | 33 00 | 7 60 | 1 90 |

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| AGES. | Joining Fee | Value of Certificate after 1 yr | Value of Certificate before 1 yr | Annual Dues | Q'rterly Dues |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14 to 25 | $ 5 00 | $ 500 00 | $ 250 00 | $ 9 50 | $ 2 50 |
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| 30 to 35 | 5 50 | 500 00 | 250 00 | 9 50 | 2 40 |
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| 45 to 50 | 6 25 | 400 00 | 200 00 | 11 40 | 2 85 |
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| AGES. | Joining Fee | Value of Certificate | Annual Dues | Quarterly Dues |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14 to 30 | $ 11 00 | $ 1000 00 | $ 21 00 | $ 5 25 |
| 30 to 35 | 12 00 | 1000 00 | 22 00 | 5 50 |
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| 40 to 45 | 13 00 | 800 00 | 24 00 | 6 00 |
| 45 to 50 | 13 00 | 700 00 | 25 00 | 6 25 |

## REGALIA.

The members of the Fountains and Rosebuds of the organization wear no expensive regalia. The regalia of the organization is simple and its cost within the reach of all costing from 10 cents to $350 the same is made by the organization in what is known as the Regalia Department.

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## THE REFORMER PRINTING DEPARTMENT

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**Before the Sixth Annual Session of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Lexington District—The Influence of Noble Women.**

In all ages of the world where women have stod out in defense of truth and love of Christ, she has reached a successful aim. While it was not the custom in ancient times for women to be prominent in public affairs, history tells us that a glance into the system of Egypt, Greece and Rome will suffice to show that they were based upon the superiority of the feminine. In the mythical age the best, the purest, the noblest, the tenderest principles were made personal in feminine deities. Plenty, peace, health, youth, are all represented by feminine characters. Day, with its life, energy, benign opportunities, is Aurora, a female character. Spring, summer, autumn, representatives of growth, beauty and abundance, are goddesses. All of the noblest virtues, innocence, honor, temperance, liberty, etc., are all females. It is evident from this brief and imperfect statement of the distribution to female myths of the pure, the beneficent, the pleasing and beautiful offices and powers of the high appreciation, honor and esteem in which they were held. And a study of their character and lives goes very far to show that it was a wise forecast.

Viewing woman at the origin of our Christian system, the first thing we note, the declaration which places woman at the head of creation. She was the last created member of it; its crown and its perfection. We are told that she was doubly removed from crude nature in being made of matter already refined by its employment in the structure of man.

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The second noticeable point is that woman stands at the center of both dispensations, which introduces our Christian system. We find her at the origin of the Christian dispensation, no less prominently than at the origin of the Jewish dispensation. She seems to have been the only root of that higher system which the earth could afford. The record is clear of the deep, tender, lasting sympathy of the women of Judea with Christ. Their watchful, appreciative love was in their lingering latest at the tomb and being earliest to announce His rescurrection. They had followed Him, ministered to Him. They had suffered with Him at the crucifixion.

"She, while apostles shrank, could danger brave;
Last at the cross, and earliest at the grave."

The church in all of its phases of work at the dawn of the Christian era was in a chaotic state. Skepticism, aetheism and all forms of vice and superstition prevailed. While Jesus did not choose woman into the apostolate of the twelve and while we have no reason to believe that women were included in the seventy sent out by Him, yet they have more nobly exerted their influence in that their great works were accomplished by a voluntary will, prompted by the gift of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost. Woman's influence in Christianity is so beautifully portrayed in the life and character of such women as Sarah, Rebecca, Hannah, Queen Esther, Naomi, Ruth and many others. We need no greater lessons of Christian devotion than those taught us in the characters of Naomi and Ruth.

God grant that we women may possess, like Naomi, that faithfulness of a wife, the affections of a mother, the meekness, the everlasting spirit, the manifestation of a simple, guileless piety in every relation and every circumstance of life.

One has said not the most carefully studied oration could breathe more undying, changeless, self-submitting devotion; that the few simple words spoken by Ruth to Naomi on being requested to return to her own people. "Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following thee. Whither thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people; and thy God my God. Where thou diest I will die, and there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me, and more also, if naught but death part me and thee."

What record would the apostles have made without the hearty co-operation of such women as the Marys, Phoebe, Priscilla, Darcas and numerous others? During the ages of persecution through which the church has passed, woman has been ever loyal and true to her faith. Many have become martyrs for the cause.

So far I have endeavored in a very brief way to impress upon your minds the appreciation and honor that has been shown the feminine characters, and to show woman's position to the world and humanity in the Christian system; also the Christ-like spirit she has manifested in the voluntary missionary work she has so successfully accomplished. To my mind these facts alone are sufficient evidence that the brethren of the Lexington Conference need an organization conducted and controlled exclusively by women.

Passing to modern times we find woman still man's peer in influence for good. In all of the great moral and religious movements of the present age she is making her mark. It is very fresh to your minds the great work that was accomplished in England under the reign of the late Queen Victoria. That kingdom, exerting the greatest moral and religious influence in the world, was successfully ruled by a noble, philanthropic woman for more than sixty years. She enjoyed with her country a reign of peace and prosperity unexampled in the annals of England. Her life was happier than usually falls the lot of those whose fate it is to wear a crown. Can we find any other reason for her happiness and prosperity than that she had a heart full of love and charity for her fellow men?

Considering the work of the Women's Christian Temperance Union in our home land we have but to review the history of the life of Frances E. Willard, and note the work of this great cause through her very valuable and untiring services. In brief, Miss Willard was to America what Lady Henry Somerset is to England. Among the many leading movements in the world to-day stands out with credit the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. All of the notable work to which I have referred has been organized and controlled almost wholly by our Caucasian sisters. But we celebrate this afternoon an organization whose aim is far-reaching and whose cause appeals to the Negro women of America and especially to Negro women of the Methodist Episcopal Church for their united support. Our race has produced many women who have been working individually for the race and a few of us are beginning to work as societies. We commend individual effort, but we must unite our efforts for strength and greater achievements.

Our own immortal Dr. Marshall W. Taylor said upon one occasion: "Of the Negro race since 1620 there have appeared but four women whose careers stand out so far, so high and so clearly above all others of their sex that they can with strict propriety and upon well established grounds be denominated great. These are Phyllis Wheatley, So Journer Truth, Frances Ellen Watkins Harper and Amanda Smith. History tells us that Phyllis Wheatley was the morning star of Negro genius; So Journer Truth, the revolutionist and reformer; Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, one of our most energetic temperance workers, a great and profound writer in both prose and poetry, a lecturer of no ordinary tact and ability, a master hand at whatever she feels to accomplish; Amanda Smith's record as an earnest Christian worker and a lover of her race is known not only from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the great lakes to the Gulf coast, but her name and works are known equally as well across the great waters. As an enlightened, thoroughly consecrated Christian evangelist among Negro women, Mrs. Smith takes the first place in American history. To-day should we mount a railway car in this great cosmopolitan city (Chicago) and direct our way to suburban Harvey, we would be convinced by her orphans' home that she still lives for the cause of Christ and her race. These women are not all of our heroines. Time will not permit my mentioning more of them. But we are convinced from their true type of womanhood and their great achievements for the Christian cause and the promotion of their race that greater work can and will be accomplished by the Negro women of this century in America if we will but unite our efforts.

We should earnestly feel that the solution of the Negro problem lies very close to our hearts, and with our better oportunities for work and attainments we must help in a very large degree to solve the problem.

To-day we celebrate the third annual session of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in the Lexington Conference, a conference whose history embraces the States of Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and a portion of Illinois, States wherein our race may enjoy many rights and privileges not afforded to many conferences of our connection. Such rights and privileges should enable this conference to be the leading Negro conferennce in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

This conference can not afford to be without every organization relating to its work, and especially should the Woman's Home Missionary Society be organized into every charge from the circuit to the great cities. Any brother of this conference would instantly resent the criticism of not being a loyal Methodist, but would not there be signs of disloyalty on your part should you be indifferent about the auxiliaries of your church which go to make the church great?

The work of this society can only succeed through the willingness of the pastors of the conference, for it is not our duty nor desire to enter your fields of labor without your solicitation and welcome. But should you invite our work and after an organization has been perfected give it your best attention, we assure you we will only be too glad to do our duty as missionary workers.

Being so fortunately situated as a conference, success is surely ours. For our women have a great advantage in being connected with this society. We are in touch with two book concerns, several national officers and general workers. In our various localities we have the opportunity of being able to exchange visits to the auxiliary meetings; also to some of the district and annual meetings, thus keeping us wide awake in the progress of the work.

Our own conference—W. H. M. S.—is ably represented with as good material among us as any conference W. H. M. S. can afford. When we consider the wide experience in Christian work and charitable organizations that our distinguished President, Mrs. J. T. Legget, possesses, and the influence and dignity that our Vice-President and Special Organizer, Mrs. Dr. M. C. B. Mason, will lend to us, together with the other energetic cabinet members, we can only hope for continued progress.

We are very proud to report an increase in membership this year, from 200 to 450. Our total receipts last year amounted to $39. Our report from the treasurer is not quite complete at this time, but the receipts will be not less than $85. This does not include the amount of supplies and benevolent work done by the various auxiliaries in their locality.

We hope when our report is completed and comes under the notice of the Lexington Conference brethren, that they will feel that the work of this society is at least worthy of their consideration. Do not get the impression, however, that we feel you are purposely neglectful of our work. We are sure that as we become more familiar with the work ourselves, we will be better able to impress it upon minds and heart. Once making the truthful and lasting impression, you can not but feel it your duty to aid us. Nothing is ever created without first having made an impression somewhere and somehow.

Brethren of the Lexington Conference: We, the workers of the Missionary cause, are looking forward to the time (and I do not feel it far distant) when our representatives of the W. H. M. S., will be hailed with the same hearty welcome that you give to some of the most distinguished men of our Church, viz: Drs. M. C. B. Mason, I. B. Scott, R. E. Jones, G. G. Logan and Prof, I. Garland Penn.

We mean to have it so. We can only have it so, by our earnest prayers and yours—by our following at all times and in all places the example of our dear Master. By increasing in Missionary spirit and zeal, until we become more like Him. Also by remembering the great aim of our society, which shall be, to enlist and organize the efforts of Christian woman in behalf of the needy and destitute in all sections of our country, and to co-operate with the other societies and agencies of the Church, in educational, missionary and deaconess work. And lastly, to ever keep in our minds and hearts our blessed motto, "For the love of Christ and in His name, all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you do ye even so to them."

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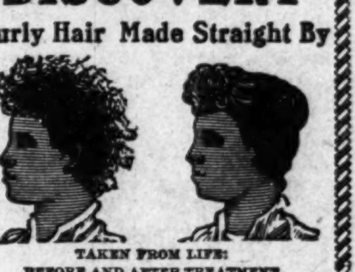

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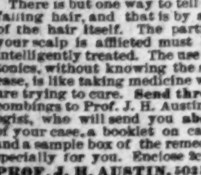

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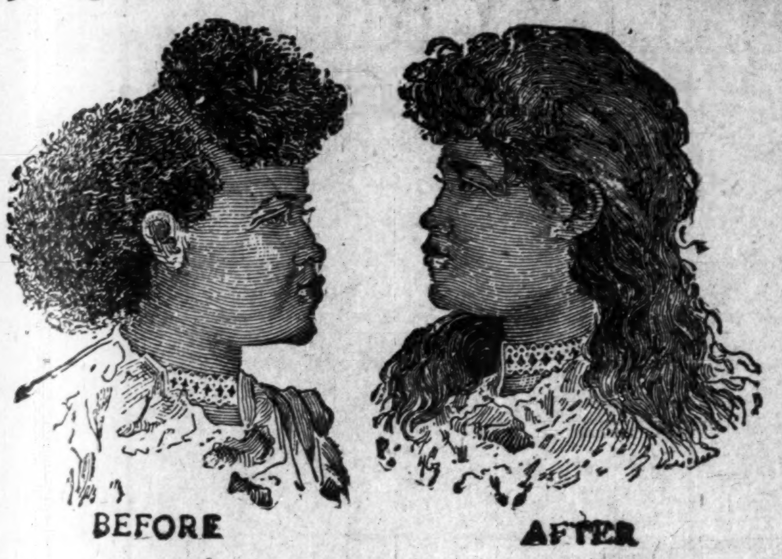

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## RACE GLEANINGS....

David J. Gilmer has been commissioned Second Lieutenant in the Philippines.

A permanent organization under the auspices of the Epworth League at New York, has been effected for the purpose of putting into operation plans formulated to improve the condition of young people generally.

There is a strong movement at Chattanooga for the emigration of Negroes to Mexico. It is headed by J. P. Essley and S. L. Hutchins, the most prominent Negro lawyers of that city, and several hundred are taking advantage of the opportunity.

John Dougherty, of Frankfort, Ky., appeared in the county court at Versailles, recently, in defense of Lucien Williams, charged with escaping from quarantine, exposing himself when affected with small pox. It was the first time that a Negro ever practiced in Woodfork court, and his presence created quite a sensation.

Rev. Robert C. Bryant, white, pastor of the Church of the Christian Union, Independent, Liberal, at Rockford, L. I., created a sensation recently in a sermon on the race problem by saying that the blending of races is the only way to place all on the same basis. He says: "The caste lines and the race lines must be swept away, and the future of the Negro, as well as all other races, must be the same. This is the ideal, therefore, let us welcome the signs of its coming, and let us not attempt the natural progress of life according to divine purpose."

Senator Tillman has on his plantation in South Carolina, a Negro named Joe Gibson, who has lived with him for thirty years. Joe has charge of the premises, carries the keys and takes care of everything in Mr. Tillman's absence. In speaking of the man the other day the Senator said: "I don't know whether I belong to Joe, or Joe belongs to me. Anyhow, we have been together for thirty years, and we have agreed to live together until one or both die, and when I go away, if I go first, I know he will shed as sincere a tear as anybody. I would die to protect him from injustice or wrong."

"Sport" Clay, for thirty-five years one of the most familiar figures in the levee district, Chicago, and for a dozen years in his prime the arbiter of dress among its colored residents, is dead. He met death in a poverty ward at the county hospital. "Sport" Clay's name was Henry. Among other things it is said of him that he never missed a dance in the First ward from which his color did not bar him; that he had the largest foot known in Chicago and the greatest "reach" ever seen in State street: that he could fight as long and hard as any man ever registered at Harrison street police station; that he had the heaviest watch chain and largest cravat pin in the West, and that he never gambled. He was 60 years old.

## SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

The Morris Brown College of Atlanta, Ga., seems to be doing very effective work through its educational mass meetings. The last one was held March 22. Rev. Stinson is the prime mover in these great meetings which benefits the particular institution as well as the race generally.

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The Tuskegee Institute savings banks reports a cash balance of over $11,000. Every teacher and student tries to have a bank account, no matter how small the beginning.—Robert K. Wallace.

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Dr. George E Stevens, pastor of what is perhaps the leading Baptist church of Boston, Mass., has consented to preach the Baccalaurate sermon at Tuskegee, Sunday, May 24th. The commencement address will be delivered by Bishop Evans Tyree of the A. M. E. church.

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Mr. John D. Rockefeller, the great Baptist philanthropist, has recently donated ten thousand dollars each to Wiley University and Bishop College, to be used in adding an industrial department to these two schools, each of which is located at Marshall, Texas.

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Benedict College, one among the best reputed and wealthiest Negro Institutions in the State of South Carolina, celabrated founders day, Monday, the 16th. Hon. George W. Murray addressed the school on the "Qualities necessary to the success of the colored student."

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Principal William R. Carter of the Industrial Institute of Topeka, Kas., will leave next week for a ten days' trip in the interest of the institute in Colorado. Principal Carter's plans for "A Greater Industrial Institute" next year are most encouraging. The Young Men's Literary and Athletic Association of the institute gave their literary entertainment at the institute Friday evening, The spring athletic tournament given by the Institute Cadet Company was held at the State Fair grounds April 10th. The institute baseball team will play the Washington school team April 11th, and the contests in running jumping, pole vaulting, bicycle riding etc., came off. The city merchants donated several valuable prizes for this contest. The Booker Washington literary society of the Topeka Industrial Institute will hold a "Girls' Declamation" contest at the Industrial Institute April 24th for a gold medal. Girls under eighteen years only will be admitted to participate. Each colored public school and Sunday-school of Topeka have been invited to select one of its best talent to represent it in the contest. Prizes will also be given for second and third place. Mr. Albert Ross, chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements, intends to make this one of the most spirited contests yet held this year.

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### At Rest in the Tomb.

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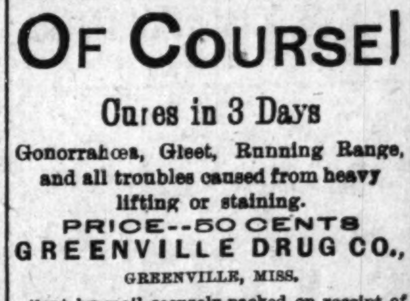
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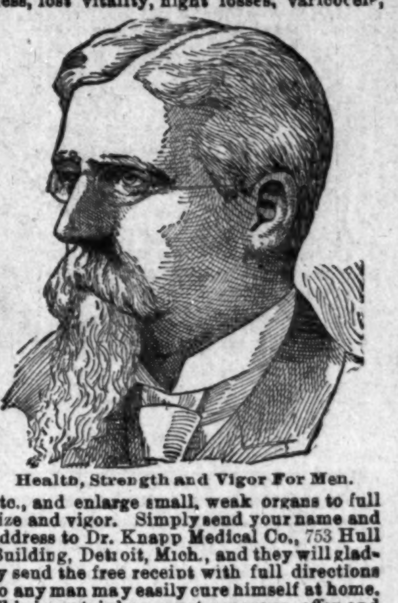

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Miss Maude Simpson, after several weeks' illness, is out again.

Carter Smith's dancing class was well attended Thursday evening.

Miss Minnie Hale of Crawfordsville, Ind., was in the city last week.

Sydney Kirk has joined Rusco & Holland's Big Minstrel Festival No. 1.

Little Blanche Stewart is ill at the home of her parents in North West street.

There will be special services at St. Phillips Mission to-morrow afternoon at 4:30.

The choral society of Simpson Chapel have prepared an excellent program for Easter.

Will Hill, after spending a few days with his parents, has returned to the State University.

Mrs. George L. Knox, who has been spending the winter in Oakland, Cal, arrived home Thursday.

Mrs. Beatrice Bybee entertained the Woman's Club Monday afternoon at her home, 365 W. Twelfth street.

The Young Ladies' Business Club of Allen Chapel will give a drama, "The Milk Maid's Convention," at the above church, April 29th.

Mr. Elwood C. Knox, manager of The Freeman, is seriously ill with typhoid fever at the home of his parents, 520 West Vermont street.

Miss Ida Mae Miller and Mr. William Hampton Blake were quietly married Wednesday evening, April 1, by Bishop A. Grant at his residence, 3349 North Pennsylvania street. Mr. and Mrs. Blake are at home to friends after the 12th, 714 Torbet street.

The annual election of the Board of Directors of the Colored Young Men's Christian Association was held in the association rooms Monday evening. A large number of members were present. The following Board of Directors was elected: Messrs. George L Knox, H. L. Sanders, S.A. Furniss, W. A. Kersley, J. N. Shelton, H. L. Hummons, William Harvey, W. J. Harris, Douglass Carter, M. J. Gilliam, Charles F. Sneed, George W. Beady, Robert Gilliam, James T. V. Hill and H. L. Herod. All the members of the old board were re elected except two The election of officers will be held Thursday evening. Mr. Moreland is expected here as soon as he recovers sufficiently. The meeting Sunday will be held in the association rooms. The annual report of the year's work will be published shortly.

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### Hot Springs News Notes.

Hot Springs, Ark., Special.—Rev. Jackson, president of Shorter University of Little Rock, Ark., was here Sunday, March 29, in the interest of his school. He preached two able sermons at Visitor's A. M E church, one in the morning and the other at night. He realized quite a nice sum for his school. The annual sermon of Rising Sun Lodge No. 2 and Damon Lodge No 8, K. of P., was preached Sunday, March 29, at Visitor's Chapel A M. E church. Revs. P. W. Wall and A. E Torrence officiated. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity, there being about 300 Knights of Pythias present. George Rodges of South Water street died on morning and was buried Tuesday, the 31st, from Eureka Baptist church under the auspices of Damon Lodge No. 8, K. of P. He leaves a wife and children. Eugene Booze, after two weeks' treatment in the Vapor City under Dr. Wade, left for his home, Clarkedale, Miss, a well man.

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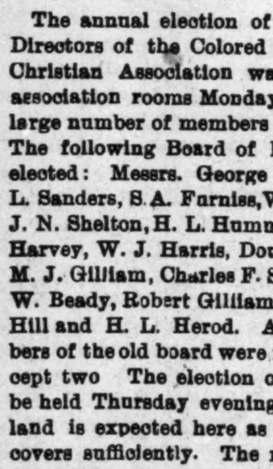

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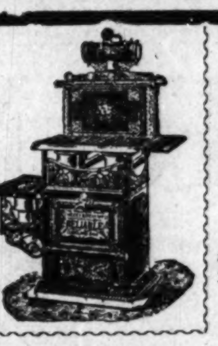

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